

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 3 and 4 as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A method of using a razor head having at least one blade and a shaving aid strip in a skin engaging location, said strip comprising a shaving aid material and means for indicating a change in the amount of said shaving aid material, said means for indicating a change in the amount of shaving aid material comprising a coating in the shape of a selected geometrical pattern which is disposed in or upon a section of the upper portion of said shaving aid material and which has a different color from that of the shaving aid material, said shaving aid material and said coating being depletable during use of the razor by solubility, abrasion or a combination thereof, said method comprising the steps of:

observing the presence of said geometrical pattern on said razor head;

shaving with said razor head when said geometrical pattern has been observed;

and

discontinuing use of said razor head when said geometrical pattern has changed in a predetermined manner.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 1, wherein said step of discontinuing use of said razor is taken irrespective of wear on the blade of said razor.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A shaving aid for a razor or a razor cartridge,  
comprising:

a shaving aid strip ~~containing a~~ that includes shaving aid material; and ~~means~~  
~~for indicating a change in the amount of said shaving aid material, said means for indicating a~~  
~~change in the amount of shaving aid material comprising~~

~~a coating disposed on or in less than the whole of a top surface of the shaving~~  
~~aid strip so as to define one or more sections of coating that are differently colored than the~~  
~~shaving aid strip, said coating including at least one coloring agent, said shaving aid material and~~  
~~said coating being depletable by solubility, abrasion or a combination thereof to provide a signal~~  
~~that the shaving aid strip should be replaced, irrespective of blade wear on said razor~~ layer  
covering a portion of a top surface of the shaving aid strip,

wherein a color of the coating layer is different from a color of the shaving aid  
strip,

wherein the portion of the shaving aid strip covered by the coating layer is less  
than an entirety of the top surface of the shaving aid strip,

wherein the coating layer is at least partially soluble in water, and

wherein replacement of the shaving aid strip is indicated when the coating  
layer disappears due to exposure to water, abrasion, or a combination thereof, irrespective of  
wear on a blade of the razor or the razor cartridge.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A shaving aid according to claim 3, wherein ~~said sections of coating form~~ the portion of the shaving aid strip covered by the coating layer is a visible geometric pattern.